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ANOTHER COMMISSIONER.

The President has appointed ex-Governor ALVIN SAUNDERS, of Nebraska, a member of the Utah commission in place of ARTHUR L. THOMAS, recently made governor of the territory. This appointment fills the board, and it is not probable that other changes will be made immediately, although it is understood that there will be a complete re-organization of the commission before many months. The HERALD believes that Governor SAUNDERS will prove satisfactory to the people. He is a western man in the broadest sense, and is not only personally acquainted with many of our leading citizens, but his long residence in Nebraska has made him familiar with this community. If he is a fair and unprejudiced man, as we assume he is, his knowledge of Utah and her people will peculiarly fit him for the performance of his new duties. Governor SAUNDERS is the father-in-law of Mr. RUSSELL B. HARRISON, and it is therefore natural to presume that he will know better than others what are the wishes of the President as regards Utah.

The two appointments which the President has made on the Commission, would indicate that Harrison regards the board as an important body, for both HARRISON and SAUNDERS are men with national reputations and acknowledged ability.

Those who thought Bishop PORTELL did not realize the full force of his words in the now famous centennial sermon which has so stirred the animals up, are not familiar with the bishop. He is not in the habit of talking at random, and generally understands what he is saying. In an interview called out by the criticism on his sermon, he stood by every word in the address, and said further: "How much time has HARRISON given to statesmanship? Not an hour! Not an instant, so far as anybody knows. He was put where he is to maintain the nation's dignity, to protect the rights of the poor and rich, to rule, not to engage in bawling and trading. But what a spectacle we have! We behold the President of the United States of America intent only on getting Congressmen out of the house at midnight so that he can go to bed! What's the use of beating about the bush in this matter?"

CUBA AND CANADA.

Secretary BLAINE has been joining in the talk about the annexation of Canada and Cuba, but to his credit be said he talks like a cool-headed statesman, and not like many of the bawling politicians and thoughtless editors who are urging the immediate incorporation of the island and the province named in the American republic. Mr. BLAINE doesn't say so in words, but he lets it be known that in the case of each of these it will take two parties to make the bargain, and that it will require some very important legislation before the scheme can be consummated. He deprecates the agitation of the matter, as the more wild and reckless talk there is about it the more difficult it will be to accomplish the object sought. He thinks the time to pluck the fruit is when it is ripe.

The men who are doing so much talking about the annexation of Cuba and Canada are not statesmen, to say the least, and they do not understand the theory, the ambition or the practice of the United States. It is hardly to be expected that they would understand these things as to other governments. Cuba is owned by Spain, as much as is Madrid or any other of the provinces, and is as completely under Spanish control. Spain does not want to sell the island, and will not give it away, and now how are the United States going about it to annex it? To use force would involve more trouble and expense than a dozen Cubans would be worth. The conflict would not be with Spain alone, but with other powers, which would naturally oppose the forcible acquisition by the United States of so important an island. And then there would be the Cubans themselves to conquer, the great majority of them being as loyal to the crown as any living people are to their rulers. A few adventurers desire annexation, and a few others love liberty more than they do loyalty, but the Cuban masses prefer Spanish to American rule. Before we annex the island we should be certain that a majority of the people desired to come under the stars and stripes.

The case of Canada is somewhat similar such difference as exists being opposed to annexation. A few Canadians would like to see the stars and stripes floating over the dominion, but they are only a few, comparatively speaking. The majority are still as loyal to the Queen as the dwellers in London. But the faction which is growing fastest and which promises in time to carry the day is that which is disposed to withdraw from the mother country, and form an independent republic within the United States, for an ally instead of a master. We do not doubt that in time portions if not all of the British possessions in North America will be incorporated in the United States, but before that time there will be one or more republics formed from Canadian territory. It is certain, let the thoughtless annexationists talk as they may, that there will be neither annexation nor conquest until a great political revolution has been wrought among the Canadian people, and we doubt that that revolution will be wrought before the Canadians have tried an independent government and wisely concluded that it will be better for them to become a part of the American union. In other words there will be no annexation until the Canadian people are as eager to enter the union as Americans can be to accept them.

The British minister at Washington gets \$30,000 a year and his residence, his servants also being paid by his government. The late minister got more—he got left.

A METHODIST MINISTER, in his centennial celebration sermon, said: "This century has produced just as good and great a hero as WASHINGTON—LINCOLN." The assertion is well enough in the way, and there may be some who believe it, but it was hardly appropriate for the occasion, any more than it was appropriate for the same minister to

say, as he did in the same discourse, that "it is a question whether the corruption of the ballot-box with money is a greater sin before God than the owning slaves, as WASHINGTON did until the day of his death." When one hears such utterances from the pulpit, he does not wonder that the preaching of this day is less effective than was the preaching of old.

JUSTICE FOR RAILROADS.

The decision by the supreme court of Florida in the case of the Pensacola & Atlantic railway company, noted in our dispatches the other day, is somewhat remarkable from the fact that it recognizes that a railroad has some rights which should be respected. It has come to be the rule among people, and too often with the courts, to at once decide that a railway company is wrong, whatever may be the controversy. No matter how impudent or unjust the claim, one need only go to an American jury with his case; a verdict is next to certain. Legislatures enact railroad laws, at the demand of unreasonable constituents, which contain none of the elements of justice, and only now and then do courts possess the courage to stand between the railway companies and those who assume that it is legitimate and lawful to prey upon the corporations. The Florida supreme court is a worthy exception. A statute confers on the state board of railroad commissioners the power to fix rates, and in the exercise of that power the board named rates for the road mentioned which the latter refused to accept, on the ground that the road could not earn operating expenses. The state thereupon instituted suit for the recovery of the statutory penalties, and as a matter of course, obtained a verdict for the full amount asked, aggregating several thousand dollars. The company appealed, and last week the supreme court reversed the judgment of the lower court, holding that the reduction by the commissioners of rates to a point too low to permit the company to earn enough to pay expenses was a deprivation of property without due process of law and without just compensation, and was, therefore, in conflict with the state and federal constitutions.

The decision is just, and should become a precedent for those courts which hesitate between justice and the unreasonable popular clamor against railway corporations.

As the President is giving the Utah commissionerships to his nearest and dearest friends, he must regard these positions as the fattest at his disposal. This shows that the President's hand is loved. It is a fat position which pays \$5,000 a year and traveling expenses for doing nothing.

The next appointment for this territory will be to the marshalship. Will it discourage the army of applicants who have been swarming their time and money in efforts to obtain the prize, if THE HERALD were to suggest that the appointment will not go to any man who has been named in connection with the office?

As a matter of fact, the Utah commission now stands four Republicans to one Democrat, though Williams hails from Arkansas and claims to belong to the latter party.

The People's party must not forget during this registration time, that legislators will be chosen next August.

It is interesting, if not amusing, that CHAUNCEY M. DREW is to be sued by the clergyman whom he employed to write the historic oration delivered at the centennial celebration. We cannot blame Drew for hiring the Rev. TOWNE to compose the address; if common rumor can be relied upon, all our great orators are in the habit of getting men in the humble walks of life to prepare their speeches for them, some of the brilliant efforts of the most brilliant talkers being the production of humble and unknown individuals. But it must be confessed that it was mean on the part of CHAUNCEY to refuse to pay the pious scribe. The oration was worth the \$1,500 asked for it, and Drew got a good deal more than \$1,500 worth of fame out of it.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPIES.

A WASHINGTON dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says the President has inaugurated a spy system, employing detectives to watch the place-hunter, who through the national capital. The telegram quotes a friend of the President's as advising an office-seeker to be most circumspect in his department while in Washington because HARRISON "has set the secret service to work watching the daily and hourly life of no fewer than a score of such gentlemen as you." I tell you he is careful, because at the present time it is impossible for you to take a drink in a public drinking place, buy pool tickets at the races, or be seen in bad company without the President having a full report of it. There are men who can't understand why they failed of receiving appointments for which they were well backed, and this may give some light on the subject.

The President is being sharply criticized for doing this, it being held that he has no right to spy into the shortcomings of free American citizens. Looking at the business from one standpoint it does give the President a narrow and cramped appearance, but there is another position from which a better view can be obtained. There are so many scoundrels and disreputable persons applying for office that it stands HARRISON in hand to watch carefully if he would avoid getting men into positions where they would disgrace him and bring his administration into disrepute. Some of those who have gone from Utah to the capital will bear watching, and it is presumed that other sections of the country have contributed their respective quotas of men who would bring no credit to the appointing power, were they placed in office. Instead of condemning President HARRISON for his course in this matter, let us rather hope that his detectives will be thorough in their work, and that they will advise him of their discoveries in every instance before it is too late. If we bear in mind that they are Republicans with whom the President has to deal, and Republicans who are hungry for office, we will be charitable and overlook what would be impudent and irregular under other circumstances.

EPHRAIM ETCHINGS.

The engraving of HERALD premiums duly arrived, and the works give splendid satisfaction. The feeling is that Ephraim got her full share.

It is expected that Presidents Woodruff and Cannon will be present at the state conference next Sunday and Monday.

The farmers are rejoicing over heavy rains and snows; mechanics and merchants are likewise happy, for the farmer is the man that feeds them all.

One of our prominent men in speaking of the HERALD lately said: "It is our representative political paper; it is the best newspaper published in the Rocky mountains, and its correspondence departments are alone worth the price of its subscription." S. P. V.

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Any stock upon which this assessment may remain unpaid on said 22d day of June, 1889, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment be made, the same will be sold on the 25th day of July, 1889, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expense of sale.

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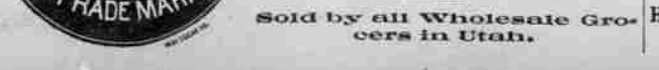
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